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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND AND USE AS APPROPRIATE. REF A PROVIDES ACTUAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MOST RECENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING CUBA. REF B PROVIDES STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON'S NOON BRIEFING OF JUNE 17 IN RESPONSE QUESTIONING. IN ADDITION THERE IS NO EMBARGO ON MY TESTIMONY (USIA WIRELESS FILE OF JUNE 11) TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
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AND IT HAS BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE TO BLANCO THAT THE POLICY ON CUBA, WHICH WE EXPLAINED TO HIM WHILE HE

WAS HERE, HAS NOT CHANGED. BUT AS HE KNOWS, IT IS NECESSARY AS ALWAYS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE MULTILATERAL QUESTION AND THE SEPARATE ISSUE OF WHAT, IF ANY, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP MIGHT EMERGE WITH CUBA IN THE FUTURE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE MULTILATERAL ASPECTS, AS WE TOLD BLANCO IN WASHINGTON, WE ARE WILLING TO SEE A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE OAS SANCTIONS. ONCE A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AND SIGNED AT SAN JOSE WE WOULD SUPPORT IN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION A QTE FREEDOM OF ACTION UNQTE FORMULA BUTTRESSED BY STRONG REFERENCE TO NON-INTERVENTION. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF TAKING ANY OVERT LEAD, BUT DO PLAN TO MAKE KNOWN OUR VIEWS DISCREETLY. IF SANCTIONS ISSUE IS NOT DEALT WITH IN SAN JOSE, WE UNDERSTAND RABASA MIGHT WISH MEXICO TO HOST THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION.

4. ASSUMING MANDATORY OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA ARE LEGALLY REMOVED AT SAN JOSE, THE U.S. WOULD OF COURSE APPROACH THE QUESTION OF WHAT, IF ANY, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP MIGHT DEVELOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY. INGERSOLL

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